

## History

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Blues," and in 1929 she made her only movie appearance in the movie of the same name.

1962 - A. Leon Higginbotham, Jr., becomes the first African-American member of the Federal Trade Commission. It is one of the Trenton, N.J., native's many accomplishments, including appointment as a federal district judge and U.S. Circuit Judge of the Third Circuit.

1968 - The Studio Museum of Harlem opens in New York City. Conceived by Frank Donnelly and Carter Burden, the Studio Museum will become an influential venue for exhibitions of African-American artists in all media.

### SEPTEMBER 27

1875 - Branch Normal College opens in Pine Bluff, Ark. A segregated unit of the state university, the college is established by Joseph C. Corbin.

1876 - Edward Mitchell Bannister wins a bronze medal for his painting Under the Oaks at the American Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia, Pa. The award to Bannister will cause controversy among whites who think African-Americans incapable of artistic excellence.

1934 - Greg Morris is born in Cleveland, Ohio. He will be come an actor who will have a pioneering feature role in the television program Mission: Impossible.

1944 - Stephanie Pogue is born in Shelby, N.C. She will become an artist and art professor whose works will be collected by New York City's Whitney Museum of American Art and the Studio Museum of Harlem while she will exhibit widely in the U.S., Europe, Japan, and South America.

1967 - Washington, D.C.'s Anacostia Museum, dedicated to informing the community of the contributions of African-Americans to U.S. social, political and cultural history, opens its doors to the public.

1988 - Several athletes, among them black Canadian sprinter Ben Johnson, are expelled from the Olympic Games for anabolic steroid use. Johnson's gold medal, won in the 100-meter dash, is awarded to African-American Carl Lewis, the second-place finisher.

### SEPTEMBER 28

1785 - David Walker, who will become an abolitionist and write the famous "Walker's Appeal," is born in Wilmington, N.C.

1912 - W.C. Handy's ground-breaking "Memphis Blues" is published in Memphis, Tenn. The composition was originally entitled "Mr. Crump" and was written for the 1909 political campaign of Edward H. "Boss" Crump.

1945 - Todd Duncan debuts with the New York City Opera as Tonio in Il Pagliacci. He is the first African-American to sing a leading role with a major American company, almost ten years before Marian Anderson sings with the Met.

1961 - Ossie Davis's Purlie Victorious opens on Broadway. The play stars Davis, Ruby Dee, Godfrey Cambridge, Alan Alda, and Beah Richards.

1961 - Atlanta's segregated restaurants and other public facilities are peacefully integrated, part of a plan adopted by city officials earlier in the year.

1972 - The Secretary of the Army repeals the dishonorable discharges of 167 Brownsville (Tex.) Raid soldiers. The soldiers, members of the 25th Infantry who were involved in a riot with the city's police and merchants, were dishonorably discharged by President Theodore Roosevelt without a trial.

1987 - The National Museum of African Art, now a part of the Smithsonian Institution, opens on the Mall in Washington, D.C. Founded by Warren M. Robbins in 1964 as a private educational institution, it is the only museum in the U.S. devoted exclusively to the collection, study, and exhibition of the art of sub-Saharan Africa.

### SEPTEMBER 29

1864 - At the Battle of New Market Heights, Sergeant Major Christian Fleetwood and 12 other African-Americans fight valiantly for the Union's cause. They will receive the Congressional Medal of Honor for their action the following year.

1916 - Henry Green Parks, Jr. is born. He will become an entrepreneur and owner of Parks Sausage Company of Baltimore, Md. In 1969, the company will become the first African-American-owned publicly traded company when it is listed on the over-the-counter market.

1931 - Dr. Lenora Moragne, one of the leading nutrition scientists in the U.S., born in Evanston, Ill.

1948 - Bryant Gumbel is born in New Orleans, La. He will become the editor of Black Sports magazine and a successful sportscaster before joining NBC's Today Show as the first African-American anchor of a national network morning news/entertainment program.

## Dragging

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a nobody," as a liar and racist who couldn't hold a job when not in prison, but when behind bars "he's a big shot... he has status in the pen."

Brewer testified that Berry had first slashed Byrd's throat, then chained him to the back of the truck. He said he even urged his two companions to release Byrd. "I didn't mean to cause his death," Brewer said. "I had no intentions of killing nobody."

Brewer said he knew nothing about a kidnaping, never

intended Byrd to die and was convinced Byrd died when Berry slashed his throat with a knife.

But a pathologist testified there was no evidence of a knife wound on Byrd's remains and authorities found no knife. Byrd was alive until his head was torn off when it slammed into a culvert, the pathologist said. And DNA evidence showed Byrd's blood on the shoes of all three men.

The jury could have returned a verdict on non-capital murder, aggravated assault or assault.

## Leone

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war victims, many find the compromises demanded by the accord hard to swallow.

"The peace process is hanging on a thread," said

Edward Konte, a father of eight whose left forearm was chopped off by rebels during a January offensive that leveled entire blocks of the capital and left hundreds

maimed. "If we who suffered these atrocities are not handled well, I have six boys, they will go to the bush to retaliate."

Sierra Leone's eight-year

civil war ravaged this West African nation. Tens of thousands of people were killed and many more were maimed in the rebels' brutal campaign of terror.

## AIDS

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A report earlier this week showed that young girls are at special risk for HIV infection — partly because of the belief among many sexually active men that young girls are "safe," and even that sex with a virgin can cure AIDS.

Marvellous Mhloyi, a population and family planning researcher from Zimbabwe, called for

governments to pass harsher laws to protect children from exploitation.

Emma Tuaepepa, 24, of Namibia, told the conference she was infected with HIV during her first sexual encounters while at school.

"I didn't know anything about sex," she said.

"The guy who infected me introduced me to sex. It is time to tell our children the truth."

## Cancer

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this protein from the mouse tumors and found that it was an antithrombin molecule that had been reshaped and was able to inhibit angiogenesis, which is the formation of blood vessels. They called the protein aaAT.

Further tests showed that aaAT is a powerful inhibitor of vessel formation with an action about like that of angiostatin and endostatin,

said Folkman.

"The key finding here is that the body apparently has a storehouse of proteins whose only function is to turn off blood vessel formation," said Folkman. "This is a surprise."

Folkman said he expects other such proteins to be discovered.

"We don't know how many," he said. "We keep finding them."

The so-called antiangiogenic proteins work by preventing tumors from growing blood vessels that tap the blood circulation system of the patient. Without this connection, the tumor cells are starved for oxygen and nutrients. In laboratory mouse studies, these proteins cause tumors to shrivel and even disappear.

Human trials of endostatin and angiostatin are to begin

this fall in Boston and the National Cancer Institute is planning to sponsor two clinical trials at other hospitals. These early studies are designed only to test the safety of the drugs.

In monkey tests, the drugs have shown no toxic effects, even when given at high doses.

O'Reilly said it may take several years before aaAT is ready for human trials.

## Welfare

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Washington, opened the National Student Partnerships office and spent the summer recruiting students in town for internships. They estimate that some 1,000 students are involved nationwide.

Each group begins by contacting businesses that serve students and asking if they would be willing to hire someone who needs work. They alert drug treatment clinics and job training centers to what they are doing. And they hang signs around town offering help.

They try to help everyone in need, not just people who have been on welfare.

Students found one man a volunteer job on campus to boost his resume and helped another fill out applications for junior college. One student went to court with a client who faced jail for failing to pay child support, vouching that the group was helping him find work.

At Valdosta State University in Georgia, 18-year-old Ashley Bell hopes to help people find transportation to jobs. In Richmond, Va., senior Stephen Dumont is setting up a career fair with a local bank and hopes to open an office this fall near his University of Richmond campus. And in New York City, junior Candice Ashton hopes to recruit fellow Columbia University students, although she's not quite sure what they will do for those in need.

"Maybe making dinner," she said. "Just being involved in their life."

## Donation

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largest in the world, behind the London-based Wellcome Trust.

At the time the merger was announced, the Gates foundations had spent or committed \$707.4 million, including \$322.1 million for global health projects, \$300.7 million for education, \$54.7 million for programs in the Pacific Northwest and \$29.9 million for other philanthropic efforts. The first Gates foundation was formed in 1997.

Until now, the Gateses' largest single donation was \$100 million for vaccines for children in developing countries.

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